Asymmetric Hydrogenation with Chiral Iridium Catalysts

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ENANTIOSELECTIVE HYDROGENATION



Asymmetric hydrogenation of functionalized olefins







Achiwa's "Respective Control Concept"

Synlett 1992, 169



 P_{trans} and P_{cis} have different steric and electronic interactions with the substrate

P_{trans} and P_{cis} have different effects on the enantioselectivity and rate



P_{trans} and P_{cis} groups must perform different functions and, therefore, **should be optimized individually**.

Phosphinooxazolines (PHOX ligands)



P. von Matt, A. Pfaltz Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. **1993**, *32*, 566

J. Sprinz, G. Helmchen *Tetrahedron. Lett.* **1993**, *34*, 1769

G. J. Dawson, C. G. Frost, J. M. J. Williams, S. J. Coote, T*etrahedron. Lett.* **1993**, *34*, 3149





Ir(COD)Cl]₂, CH₂Cl₂, reflux
NH₄PF₆, H₂O / CH₂Cl₂

3) crystallization (CH_2Cl_2 / Et_2O)





X-RAY ANALYSIS

Ludwig Macko, Prof. Margareta Zehnder (University of Basel)

Olefins without coordinating groups



Buchwald





High yield and ee 5-8 mol% catalyst low TOF (1-2 h⁻¹)

Broene & Buchwald, JACS 1993, 115, 12569

Initial Experiments





PATRICK SCHNIDER, ANDREW LIGHTFOOT



Preparation and X-ray analysis of the trinuclear complex [$\{Ir(PHOX)H_2\}_3H$] [PF₆]₂





Effect of the anion



Andrew Lightfoot

KINETIC STUDIES



0.01-1 mol% catalyst

5-50 bar H_2 , CH_2Cl_2 , 4-25 °C





catalyst

SEBASTIAN SMIDT

<u>Anions</u>: BF_4^- , PF_6^- , $CF_3SO_3^-$



 BAr_F



F

Ingo Krossing (Univ. of Karlsruhe)

Catalysts with Six Different Anions



 $[AI\{OC(CF_3)_3\}_4]^- > BAr_F^- > [B(C_6F_5)_4]^- > PF_6^- >> BF_4^- > CF_3SO_3^-$







Hydrogenation vs. catalyst deactivation: influence of the anion



Variation of the Catalyst Structure



Variation of the Phosphinooxazoline Structure





Pyridine-Phosphinite Ligands





2: 99.9% ee



1:99.5% ee



2:98% ee







2:95% ee

1:>99% ee

1:98% ee

Synthesis of Bicyclic Pyridine-Phosphinite Ligands



Practical chromatography-free kinetic resolution with lipase



Synthesis **2009**, 3654



Contributions of other groups



NHC-Pyridine Ligands





Andreas Schumacher

Asymmetric hydrogenation of furans and benzofurans



Chem. Eur. J. 2015, 21, 1482.

Stefan Kaiser, Larissa Pauli

Asymmetric hydrogenation of Benzothiophene dioxides



Paolo Tosatti, A. P., Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2017, 56, 4579

Asymmetric hydrogenation of indoles



Alejandro Baeza

Hydrogenation of Alkenylboranes

Rh(P^P): J. Morken, JACS 2004, 126, 15338, Org. Lett. 2006, 8, 2413. Ir(P^N): P. Andersson, Chem. Commun. 2009, 5996.



Adnan Ganic, A. P., Chem. Eur. J. 2012, 18, 6724

Tetrasubstituted Olefins



Eva Neumann, Marcus Schrems



lr-4



Ir

Marcus Schrems



cytotoxic activity)



(*R*,*R*,*R*)-Tocopherol (Vitamin E)



S. Bell, B. Wüstenberg, S. Kaiser, F. Menges, T. Netscher, A. P. Science 2006, 311, 642.

Enantio- and diastereoselective hydrogenation of farnesol



Org. Lett. 2005, 7, 4803.

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Mechanistic Studies

Proposed catalytic cycles



P. Brandt, P. G. Andersson *et al*, *Chem. Eur. J.* **2003**, *9*, 339.K. Burgess, M. B. Hall *et al.*, *JACS* **2004**, *126*, 16688.

Activation of the precatalyst







Stefan Gruber

Rapid enantioface exchange of Ir dihydride alkene complexes



Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2014, 53, 1896.

Rapid enantioface exchange of Ir dihydride alkene complexes



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Mechanistic Model



Computational studies: Pher Andersson (Uppsala University) Kevin Burgess (Texas A&M) Kathrin Hopmann (University of Tromsø) Markus Meuwly (University of Basel))

Imine hydrogenation: unexpected mechanistic results







York Schramm

α,β -Unsaturated Nitriles



Hydrogenation of electrophilic C=C *bonds with base-activated Ir-PHOX catalysts:* V. Semeniuchenko, V. Khilya, U. Groth, *Synlett* **2009**, 271



α,β -Unsaturated Nitriles



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α,β -Unsaturated Nitriles



Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. 2014, 53, 8668.

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Selective Hydrogenation of Cyano-Substituted C=C Bonds







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Applications in the Synthesis of Natural Products

Synthesis of Platensimycin



Konrad Tiefenbacher & Johann Mulzer, Lars Tröndlin & A. P.

Synthesis of the Cucumber Beetle Pheromone Vittatalactone



Total Synthesis of Macrocidin A





Tomohiro Yoshinari, Marcus Schrems

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